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### **9 FAM Appendix K, 300 Guidelines for Referrals**

#### **CHANGES**

1. 9 FAM Appendix K, 300 Guidelines for Referrals, has been revised, and updated.
2. Revisions since the last update appear in italics. Other than formal titles, the italics will be removed the next time the material is updated. Only current changes will appear in italics. Italics provide a historical record of changes.
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